

Commissioners' Meeting Thursday, July 20, 2006

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 10:30 A.M. in the Board meeting room on the thirteenth floor of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Commissioner Chair Judith L. Schwank called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Gajewski was not present for the meeting. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor, Alan Miller, Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

Commissioner Schwank opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Schwank with both voting yes to approve the July 11, 2006 Commissioners' workshop meeting minutes and the July 13, 2006 Commissioners' meeting minutes.

Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, and seconded by Commissioner Schwank with both voting yes to approve the items listed below, noting changes to Resolution 217.06 and 221.06 *see comments below. Resolutions 223.06 and 224.06 have been placed on hold.

- 217.06 A. Resolution appointing a County representative to serve on to the Exeter Township Tax Increment Financing Committee. ***Tom McKeon, Executive Director, BCIDA (Berks County Industrial Development Authority) has been appointed as the County representative for this committee.**

- 218.06 B. Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$71,349.00.

- 219.06 C. Resolution authorizing the utilization of temporary agency for Administrative Office Support for the Warden at the Prison, effective 7/21/06. Rate not to exceed \$15.00 per hour. (This request is due to the resignation of the Warden's administrative office support. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease as soon as the vacancy is filled.)

- 220.06 D. Resolution approving the execution of a collective bargaining agreement by and between the County of Berks and the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1776, representing the Berks County Home - Berks Heim non-professional staff for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

- 221.06 E. Resolution approving the County of Berks Natural Land, Farmland, and Open Space Conservation Program guidelines.* Following a long discussion regarding the proposed amendments to the program by Shannon Rossman, Planner with the Berks County Planning Commission, the draft policy guidelines will be amended to only include a process for Berks County Municipalities to submit funding applications for Municipal Conservation Zoning Incentive Grants. The Commissioners would like to discuss the remaining grant program strategies and guidelines until such time as the County's Green Way Plan has been completed.
- 222.06 F. Resolution authorizing the 2006 – 2007 Nursing Home Intergovernmental Transfer Program pursuant to the Commonwealth Agreement and Cooperation Agreement; and further granting authorization for any and all lawful actions necessary to effectuate Berks County's participation in said Program.
- 223.06 G. Resolution for the joint appointment of Rebecca Wingenroth to the Industrial Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of office to 12/31/09 vacated by David Patti.***Placed on hold.**
- 224.06 I. Resolution approving a joint appointment Melanie R. Solon of Temple, PA to the Berks County Public Library Board to a three year term ending June 1, 2009. ***Placed on hold.**

Reports

1. County Treasurer –William Dennis, County Administrator, presented the Treasurer's report for Nelson Long, CPA
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius presented the Controllers' report.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

John Morgan, Ruscombmanor Township resident, requested that the approval of Resolution 217-06 be deferred to a later date, citing significant opposition to the project. Commissioner Schwank explained that this resolution is simply to assign a county representative to the committee and that she will still be supporting the resolution, the actual decision for the Tax Increment Financing District will only be brought to the Commissioners for approval if this committee determines that the project qualifies.

Commissioner Schwank noted that she will not be attending the Commissioners Board meeting next week as she will be testifying on the 2007 Farm Bill in Washington, DC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk